

Armenian party urges crackdown

MOSCOW (R) — Communist Party leaders in Soviet Armenia have urged a crackdown on disturbances over the Nagorno-Karabakh issue and a return to work and order in the republic, TASS news agency said Saturday. "Immediate measures" to normalize the situation were discussed Friday at a meeting of the Armenian Communist Party central committee, TASS said. Those present accused officials in Armenia of demagogics and irresponsibility and said it was time to call a halt to strikes, demonstrations and street clashes. "It is necessary to stop provocations, the spread of rumours and calls for strikes," TASS said. The executive committee of the Soviet parliament will meet Monday, TASS reported, in a dispatch linking the session to the simmering Nagorno-Karabakh dispute. Armenians have been saving for weeks they thought the meeting of the Presidium of Supreme Soviet would be held Monday, but Saturday's TASS dispatch from Stepanakert, the main city of the disputed region, was the first official confirmation of the date.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

UAE joins Gulf navigation plan

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will join a Japanese-funded scheme to reduce the war risks of navigating in the Gulf, a Japanese embassy spokesman said Saturday. He said UAE officials had agreed to join Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in the scheme, involving the erection of advanced beacons which will provide ships with a more precise fix on their positions than presently available. He said a Japanese parliamentary delegation left the UAE Saturday for Muscat to seek Oman's approval for the plan.

Afghan fundamentalism worries India

MADRID (R) — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said Saturday his country's major concern over Afghanistan was that a fundamentalist Islamic government might come to power. "Our major worry in Afghanistan is an attempt to put in a fundamentalist government," Gandhi told a news conference during a three-day visit to Spain. "We have no objections to a strong religious attitude but we would like to keep religion out of politics especially in our region, we feel that otherwise it can have repercussions for all countries in the region."

Iran thanks Syria for support

DAMASCUS (AP) — The speaker of parliament Saturday received a message from Iran expressing thanks for Syria's support in the wake of the shooting down by the United States of an Iranian jetliner, which killed 290 people. The Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) said the letter from Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani expressed hope that the two countries would continue their "cooperation, solidarity and coordination." SANA said the letter "insisted on continuous cooperation in confronting imperialism and Zionism."

U.S. to resume processing Soviet refugees

MOSCOW (R) — The U.S. embassy in Moscow will resume next week issuing refugee visas to Soviet citizens seeking to emigrate to the United States, officials announced Saturday. A statement said the embassy would start processing visa applicants again Monday. The programme was stopped July 1 because of a budget crunch in Washington, but new money has been found, officials said.

Soviet inspectors fan out in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet military teams set out Saturday to inspect missile facilities in Oklahoma, Texas and Alabama in their second round of inspections under the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty. Under the procedures outlined in the treaty, the Soviets announced which sites they would visit minutes before they departed.

U.S. to initiate new Taba talks

TEL AVIV (R) — The United States will initiate a new round of negotiations between Israel and Egypt to reach a compromise in their border dispute over the Taba Red Sea beachfront, Israel radio reported Saturday. The talks will begin in Washington in about 10 days. Israel is likely to send Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office, and Egypt is to be represented by Nabil Al Arabi, the radio said.

Pakistani women hold peace rally

KARACHI (R) — More than 50,000 women, some veiled and others armed, demanded peace and jobs for Pakistan's Mohajir community at what police said was the biggest rally of women in Pakistan. Women members of the Mohajir Quami Movement (MQM) wielding Kalashnikov assault rifles kept vigil as speakers at Friday evening's rally passed resolutions demanding more job and educational chances for Mohajirs. Hundreds of riot police, including police-women, stood apart from the meeting and did not interfere.

Plane skids off Frankfurt runway

FRANKFURT (R) — A Portuguese airliner skidded off a runway while landing at Frankfurt airport Saturday but no one was injured, air traffic control officials said. The right-hand landing gear of the Tap Boeing 727 broke while it was landing on the airport's northern runway, one official said by telephone. A member of Tap's Frankfurt staff said no one aboard flight number TP572 Lisbon was hurt.

Pollard ends hunger strike

CHICAGO (R) — Jonathan Pollard, the former U.S. navy intelligence analyst sentenced to life in prison last year for passing secrets to Israel, has ended his five-day hunger strike, his father said Friday. Pollard, 33, was protesting since Sunday against alleged mistreatment in jail and censorship of his mail. He resumed regular meals Thursday. His father, Morris Pollard, said prison officials at the nation's highest security prison in Marion, Illinois, had agreed to correct the problem with his mail.

Egyptian arms venture head arrives in UAE

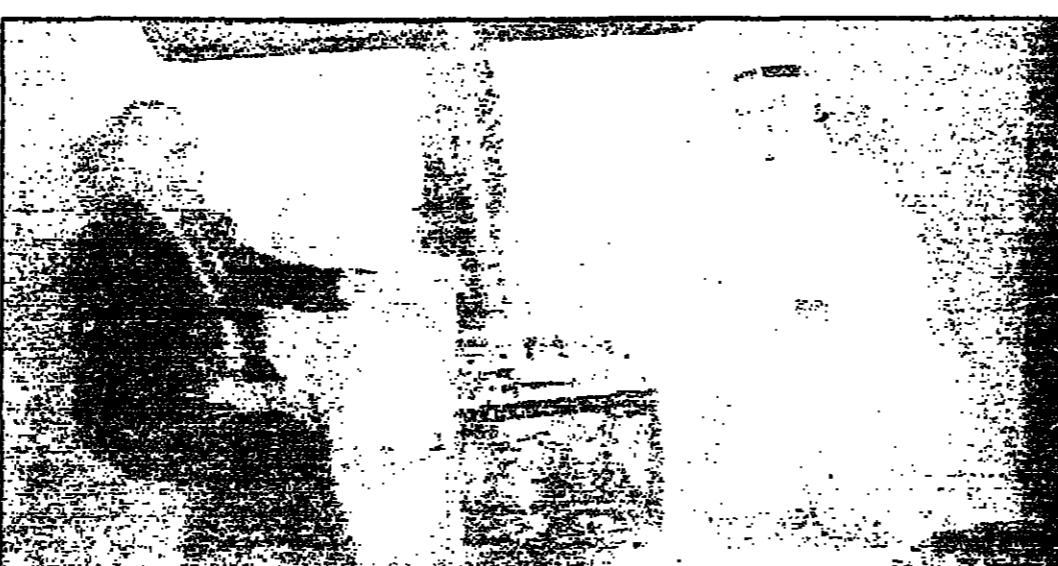
ABU DHABI (R) — A senior Egyptian military official who has been trying to revive an Arab arms making venture arrived in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Saturday for talks. Lieutenant-General Ibrahim Al Orabi, head of the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation (AOI), conveyed a message from President Hosni Mubarak to Abu Dhabi's crown prince and deputy commander of the UAE armed forces, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Zaid. The official Emirates news agency WAM said they discussed relations but gave no further details.

N. Sea exploration goes on despite disaster

ABERDEEN (R) — The fire on the North Sea Piper Alpha oil platform, which killed 166 people should not deter further offshore exploration, junior British Energy Minister Peter Morrison said Saturday. "The offshore industry must believe there is oil and gas to be discovered, and worth investing in," he told reporters after visiting the Morecambe Bay gasfield. Morrison said he was impressed by safety measures and discipline in the field where workers' accommodation is separate from operational platforms. His comments came amid fears about safety procedures by offshore workers since blasts ripped through Piper Alpha July 6.

Canadians hold talks in Iran

NICOSIA (R) — A Canadian delegation visiting Iran to discuss improvement of relations held talks Saturday with Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani, the Iranian news agency IRNA said. It said the Canadian team, led by Assistant Foreign Minister Marc Braut, discussed "bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest" with Larjani. The agency gave no details. Ottawa said its diplomats out of Tehran in 1980 after they spirited six U.S. diplomats out of the country on false Canadian passports. The Americans had escaped from the U.S. embassy when militant students took it over. Iran, which kept its mission in Ottawa, said Canada should apologise before it could reopen its embassy. The condition was dropped last month, according to Ottawa.



His Majesty King Hussein with King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah Saturday (Petra photo)

King, Saudi leader exchange views on Arab, Islamic issues

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein paid a brief visit to Saudi Arabia Saturday and held talks with King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz and exchanged views with the Saudi leader on developments in the region, Arab and Islamic issues and bilateral relations.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker accompanied the King on the visit and attended the Jeddah talks, which were attended on the Saudi side by Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz. Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal, Education Minister and acting Minister of Higher Education Abdul Aziz Al Khwaizir, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

King Fahd was on hand to receive and see off King Hussein at the airport.

Upon his return home, the King was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and senior officials.

The King, accompanied by the Crown Prince, Rifai and other senior officials, proceeded to Amman Stadium and watched part of a football match between Jordan and Syria in which the Kingdom beat Syria 2-0 (see page 7)

After the match, the King congratulated the players.



His Majesty King Hussein congratulates a Jordanian player on the national team's 2-0 victory over Syria in a football match Saturday (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Iraq reports raids on Dezful

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iraq said its warplanes raided two Iranian oil pumping stations near the southern city of Dezful while Iran accused of shelling northern villages Saturday.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the air raids were "destructive and effective," Iran did not comment on the Iraqi claims.

Iranian television said the Iraqis shelled the northern border region of Sardasht with long-range artillery, killing two farmers and wounding seven others.

An Iraqi military statement carried by INA denied the Iranian report of shelling civilian targets in north Iran. It said its air raids are aimed at destroying Iran's oil installations, which finance the nearly eight-year-old war with Iraq.

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The communiqué said Iraqi air force jets flew 87 combat missions at various points along the front, and helicopter gunships carried out 122 sorties.

Elsewhere in the Gulf, the Greek captain of the tanker Sea Victory, still shocked from an Iranian speedboat attack on his vessel, said Saturday the presence of the U.S. navy warships in the Gulf gave him "a good feeling."

The captain, 50-year-old George Logares from the island of Zakros, had been heard by radio monitors calling frantically for U.S. warship assistance when the Iranians attacked Friday as he was passing within 10 kilometres of their Farsi Island military stronghold. He was taking the 85,989-ton Liberian-flagged tanker to Kuwait to lift a shipment of oil.

Logares said the Iranians attacked his vessel first at 1:50 p.m. (1050 GMT), then again at 2:10 p.m. (1110 GMT) and later "three more shots" were heard.

The times he gave and his words:

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Warsaw Pact urges early talks on reducing conventional arms

WARSAW (Agencies) — Leaders of the seven-nation Warsaw Pact expressed support Saturday for an East-West moratorium on increases in military spending and called for new talks before the end of the year on reducing conventional arms.

The communist allies also signed a separate statement at the end of a two-day conference, expressing concern about the effects of the arms race on the environment.

The state-run news agency PAP said the documents contained "important new ideas (that) serve to consolidate positive European and world tendencies in questions of disarmament and making them irreversible."

Deputy Foreign Minister Henryk Jaroszek was quoted by PAP as saying the statement on reducing conventional arms and troops has "great significance."

"The countries of the Warsaw

one to two years."

Officials, briefing reporters on the summit, said the communist leaders were also proposing separate talks aimed at an agreement on liquidating short-range nuclear missiles and warheads on the continent.

But documents agreed by the meeting were understood to contain no reference to a proposal voiced in Warsaw last Monday by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for a pan-European summit to get the conventional weapons talks under way.

The summit talks were more open in that past Warsaw Pact meetings, said Jerzy Nowak, another Foreign Ministry official.

"The style is definitely different in the sense of rejecting some ceremonial approaches and the repeating of long empty formulas which were used very often

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'Eid Al Adha begins Sunday

AMMAN (Petra) — Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Muheilan announced Saturday Sunday, July 24, will be the first day of 'Eid Al Adha. Sheikh Muheilan said that Friday, July 15, was the first day of Dhul Hajj, and accordingly 'Eid Al Adha would fall on Sunday, Dhul Hajj 10, corresponding to July 24. Sheikh Muheilan congratulated His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on the occasion and wished for happiness, victories and pride to all Arab and Muslim nations. Saudi Arabia also made a similar announcement Saturday that Dhul Hajj began on July 15 and 'Eid Al Adha will begin July 24. A statement issued by the royal court and carried by the Saudi Press Agency said the superior judicial council had determined that Friday was the first day of the month of Dhul Hajj.

The soldiers opened fire when the boys threw stones, but no one was injured.

Also Saturday, fire brigade chief in the northern city of Haifa was killed in a road accident on his way to the scene of a bus-torching incident blamed on Palestinian nationalists. Israel Radio said.

The radio said David Kochavi was driving to the nearby town of Kiryat Tivon where two empty passenger buses were set ablaze. On the way, his vehicle was hit by a passing car. Two other firemen and a woman passenger in the second car were injured, the radio reported.

It quoted police officers as saying the buses were apparently torched by Palestinian arsonists, and said a suspect from the occupied territories was detained.

3 Palestinians shot, wounded in Nablus

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinian protesters who raised Palestinian flags in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus Saturday, the army and hospital officials said.

Palestinian protests were reported Saturday in other parts of the West Bank and in Arab Jerusalem. A 13-year-old boy and a woman were reported injured.

An army spokesman said four masked protesters carrying Palestinian flags blocked a military patrol in Nablus old city Saturday, soon after the army lifted a curfew imposed on the city last Wednesday.

The soldiers chased the protesters, were pelted with stones, and fired live ammunition. They treated one boy for slight leg wounds before transferring him to hospital, the army said. One of the other two injured fled a Nablus bus.

In Arab Jerusalem, police said they arrested eight Palestinians and ordered shops closed on the main Salaheddin street after protesters stoned a police car. They fired tear-gas and arrested three boys when school students stoned Israeli vehicles near Jerusalem's old city.

Israeli settlers captured two Arabs who threw a petrol bomb at their car in southern Jerusalem Friday night, police said.

Palestinian sources Saturday reported protests in the Ramallah area against a decision to close all 1,200 West Bank schools from next week until the end of the academic year.

Ramallah residents blocked roads with stones and burning tyres and soldiers fired tear-gas and rubber bullets, injuring seven women, sources quoted by Reu-

ters said.

The army had no reports of clashes in Ramallah but said protesters clamped a four-hour curfew on the nearby Jelazoun refugee camp after protests.

At the Nur Al Shams refugee camp, near Tulkarm, troops wounded a 16-year-old in the eye with rubber bullets Friday night, the army said.

Arab sources said troops tear-gassed masked protesters burning tyres on Gaza City's main street.

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The Greek government announced Friday night that Vignerion was a guerrilla and sought clarification of contradictory information released by Athens on the attack.

The letter said the attack on the City of Poros was intended to protest Greek backing for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), according to the communiqué.

The agency quoted the letter as saying "we will continue our actions for as long as the Greek government continues to support the PLO."

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The Greek government announced officially Friday that 23-year-old Laurent Vignerion took part in the bloody assault. France issued a terse communiqué in Paris saying it had seen no evidence he was involved.

If the French are right, it would be the second time that Greece has wrongly identified a French national as being part of the team.

Nine people were killed and 80 wounded when guerrillas attacked the City of Poros as it returned from an island cruise with 471 tourists, approached port near Athens.

The day after the attack, Greek police issued the photograph of 21-year-old Frenchwoman Isabelle Bismuth and identified her as a suspected "Moroccan accomplice" in the guerrilla squad.

But the French government stepped in to say she was an innocent tourist, killed during an attack with sub-machine guns, grenades and two powerful bombs.

French Ambassador Francois Pl



Children need a better future

Universal literacy — no short cuts

By David Doake

Editors Note: This is the last of a seven-part series entitled "Learning to be Literate in Arabic: Needs and new directions." The series was written by Professor David B. Doake of the School of Education at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada. Doake has done field research in Jordan on the specific problems of illiteracy in Arabic, making this series particularly useful to teachers, government specialists and parents. The author welcomes any queries and comments. Interested people should write to Professor Doake c/o Acadia University.

Literacy development

The need is urgent for a number of major changes to be made in the conditions existing at present in the Arab world, to allow for the eventual achievement of the long term goal of universal literacy. None of the recommended changes can be made quickly but this should not deter those who are in a position to promote and implement them from commencing and then continuing the task.

Apart from the all important goal of attaining universal literacy, there is the existing threat to standard Arabic as a common means of communication. Unless steps are taken to arrest and to ultimately reverse the widespread invasion of standard Arabic by its colloquial counterpart, it will not be long before the only people who will retain the use of Arabic in its classical or "pure" form will be the religious leaders, the literary scholars, and the "educated" upper class of Arab communities.

Changes that are occurring in a language cannot be halted by instructing its users not to absorb those changes into their daily use of the language. Changes can possibly be arrested by determining their root causes and by attempting to eliminate those causes by providing effective and realistic alternatives for what is happening to the language. The recommendations recorded in this paper, if implemented appropriately, could go a long way in achieving that purpose.

It should be noted that each of the recommendations has been recorded in outline form only and they cannot stand alone from

ing ways from very early in their lives. Consideration should be given to the production of a short videotape programme on this topic which would be made available to maternity homes, pediatricians and family doctors, and to schools.

That a range of story book type programmes be developed for use on television in order to provide children with access to a variety of story book experiences which will contribute to their growth as readers and writers and will also demonstrate to parents and teachers how they should read to children. Newspapers also should be encouraged to include in their regular sections for children, short stories, poems, stories in serial form, and examples of children's own writing.

Similarly, if teachers are not going to change the way they teach reading, it is unlikely that their students will become avid readers who engage in the process of building personal libraries of books at home and who make regular use of school and local libraries. Each of the recommendations will require considerable planning, preparation, and expert guidance if they are to be implemented successfully.

Recommendations include:

That a broadly based campaign be conducted, making extensive use of, existing educational facilities, television, radio and newspaper services to inform and educate parents, teachers, administrators, curriculum developers in particular and the public in general, as to how children learn to read and write in naturalistic ways, and to further inform and educate them as to the role that the home, the school and the community can and should play in facilitating this learning.

That priority be given to the task of demonstrating and explaining to parents, the vitally important role that they should play in the early literacy development of their children through sharing books with them in standard Arabic and by encouraging them to begin to learn to write in experimenting and approximating

decisions concerning the selection of children's literature manuscripts to be published, using for this re-examination, a comprehensive survey of the qualities that are the features of the most successful children's books which go to make up the extensive body of children's literature in the "Western World."

That the provision of public, private, and school libraries on a widespread basis, staffed by highly qualified librarians, be pursued with vigour; that the children's literature sections of these libraries be large, accessible, and inviting; that degree courses in librarianship be developed in all Arab countries; and that an extensive system of "mobile" libraries be established where required. Systematic campaigns should be mounted to educate the public to use these library facilities and they should become "centres of reading."

That adequate funding be provided for the development of "Literacy Research Centres" at universities in all Arab countries so that a vigorous programme of research can be initiated and a network of scholars involved in a range of literacy-based research projects be created.

That the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), or some other suitable body, organise a seminar as soon as possible, which would serve to provide a platform for a detailed examination and assessment of the literacy development needs of all Arab countries, inviting as its participants, key personnel from each country and researchers from other parts of the world who have been making significant contributions to our present knowledge of how children learn to read and write.

That two educational journals be produced in the Arab world: one of a research-based nature where the results of current literacy-oriented studies can be published and one of a more practical kind for teachers to inform them of all facets of language arts teaching at different levels of schooling.

That immediate steps be taken to increase greatly, the supply of literature suitable for reading to and by children, including books, magazines and newspapers, by locating, supporting and developing authors in the Arab world and by also translating into Arabic, a carefully selected range of culturally suitable books from other languages.

That the editorial personnel in both private and state-run publishing houses re-examine the criteria on which they base their

decisions concerning the selection of children's literature manuscripts to be published, using for this re-examination, a comprehensive survey of the qualities that are the features of the most successful children's books which go to make up the extensive body of children's literature in the "Western World."

International Literacy Year

UNESCO has designated 1990 as International Literacy Year. Throughout the world, numerous programmes will be initiated and implemented in an effort to reduce the incidence of illiteracy. The Arab world will be one of the regions involved in this important campaign. Resources of member countries will be directed at developing and supporting the programmes. Administrative structures will be created. Personnel will be allocated to operate the programmes. Time, energy and money will be spent on endeavouring to make them successful.

But unless urgent consideration is given by those who will be charged with designing and preparing these programmes, to what is now known about how reading and writing are learned, much of the efforts expended will be wasted. For too long now, the theoretical assumptions about this learning that have guided those who plan these programmes have been misleading and even harmful to their ultimate success.

It is sincerely hoped that the new, and desperately needed programmes will be based on the new set of assumptions and associated practices that have emerged from the important research in literacy learning that has been conducted in various countries around the world over the past two decades. To continue to ignore these important findings would be irresponsible.

To be literate is a right that all people have. No one should be disadvantaged in our print-oriented world by being illiterate. No one should be disempowered, made dependent on others, committed to a life of poverty by being unable to read and write. No one should have the doors to the world of books, magazines, newspapers and the full range of information, thoughts, feelings, emotions, fantasies and beliefs closed for ever. No one should have the most important means for self-directed, independent learning shattered.

A study, conducted in Nigeria in 1970 showed that the rate of infant mortality was directly linked to the literacy skills of the mother. Children born of an illiterate mother were four times more likely to die in early childhood than were the children of literate mothers. Literacy then, can quite simply be a matter of life and death.

We have the knowledge that should enable us to help everyone on this planet learn to read and write. We have the resources, both material and human. For a world that can spend \$450 million on building a "Stealth" bomber, which can wreak mass destruction in a few seconds, it is inexcusable and incomprehensible that we cannot find sufficient funds to mount comprehensive campaigns that would ensure that all who are able, learn to read and write.

The major problems facing this world of ours will never be solved by military power. They will be solved when rational, fully literate, thoughtful and compassionate people are placed in leadership positions by populations who know what their leaders think because they have read what they have written.

For countries to continue to elect world leaders on the basis of their ability to "perform" a script prepared for them for presentation on television and radio, is to invite disaster. "Great communicators" whose communications create poverty, conflict and racism due to their inadequate knowledge of the real needs of this world because they have never read or written about them, have no place in leadership positions in this world.

Democracy can never function the way it was meant to function until those who exercise their vote, do so on the basis of their intimate knowledge of the thoughts of those for whom they vote.

This must be coupled, of course, with their own in-depth understanding of the needs of their own society in relation to the needs of the world society.

Only a people who are fully literate in every sense of the word, can help to make this world a safer place in which to live.

The countries which form the Arab World share a very valuable common heritage — that of written language. Although there might be quite considerable differences among them from a cultural point of view and in their ways of life, they have something that many of the regions of this world lack — a shared means of communication that crosses international boundaries. It is important that this be maintained.

Whilst this will not be difficult in the religious field, it will present much more of a challenge in its every day use. Politically, socially, economically, culturally, and educationally it makes a great deal of sense to do so. It has been one of the major theses of this paper, however, that unless urgent and major alterations are made to the experiences provided for the children in their homes and schools to help them learn, much more easily and pleasantly, to become fluent and avid users of standard Arabic, it can be safely predicted that its use in the genuine classical form will continue to deteriorate.

In the long term, this means that virtually every Arab country will have its own form of written Arabic for every day use as the colloquial language continues to penetrate the printed form.

Being "literate" means more than simply being able to read and write. It means using reading and writing for all the necessary and desirable purposes of life: to aid in being a better learner, a better citizen, a better parent, a better member of a world community. The children of the Arab World have the knowledge that should enable us to help everyone on this planet learn to read and write. We have the resources, both material and human. For a world that can spend \$450 million on building a "Stealth" bomber, which can wreak mass destruction in a few seconds, it is inexcusable and incomprehensible that we cannot find sufficient funds to mount comprehensive campaigns that would ensure that all who are able, learn to read and write.

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Children learn to play

The structured use of Montessori materials

By Nourhan Huweidi

DURING our school's spring break in April, I attended a workshop conducted by the London Montessori Centre. The workshop was designed to meet a variety of needs.

Through a combination of lectures, demonstrations, discussions and time for each individual to handle the Montessori Apparatus, the workshop provided the opportunity for students to acquire vital practical experience with the materials.

By teaching teachers the correct way to use the Montessori equipment, the true objectives of the Montessori method are achieved with the children.

Each Montessori material is designed to meet a specific purpose, and it is presented in a special order. These materials provide an excellent base for the child to acquire experiences needed to move from one stage to the next. The variety of materials includes Practical Life, Sensorials, Mathematics, Language and Environment in a mixed-age group setting, and facilitates the child's individual and environmental development.

Children are shown how to use the materials in a structured way and are not allowed just to play with them. It is important that children use the blocks of the Pink Tower to build a tower and not as missiles to be hurled at another child. In his article "Montessori Education: Abiding Contributions and Contemporary Challenges," Dr. David Elkin says, "the use of the materials in a structured way should be the prelude to using them in a more free experimental way. What children are doing when they begin to experiment with an acquired skill is to elaborate that skill in a horizontal way and this horizontal elaboration, which follows upon mastery of a skill, is an important prerequisite to lateral, vertical integration to the attainment of higher order abilities. Structure should always be a preparation for freedom — not an end in itself."

Maria Montessori was a scientist, so she based all her method on scientific basis. In her book "The Montessori Method" she says, "the lesson corresponds to an experiment." We accept the hypothesis of a structural invitation to the child for the particular material and its demonstrated use, and we observe the response. Then we relate our practice with that child to our observations. If we question the "demonstration" facet of the experiment itself, we must retrace the steps and observe the child's response to an invitation to use the material without an initial "model" to follow. After spending time observing and recording we will seek the understanding and practice the areas of the thought.

The Montessori materials are designed mostly for individual use. When the directress (teacher) sits beside the child and communicates with him individually, she is able to observe and observe his mental, social, physical and emotional environment. The successful teacher cannot possibly meet with a classroom of children and view them as a whole without first having communicated positively with them as individual persons. Working by himself, the child learns to provoke his thinking and develop his confidence in his own abilities to figure out things. If the child makes an error, it is because he is using his intelligence by reasoning in his own way by mastering his material, he is mastering the inside and outside environment.

Finally, the Montessori materials are not objects composed of some "magic medium" which louses the psychic particles in the children's minds into an incoherent synthesis of conceptual clarity. They are the most means manipulated by children to a meaningful end.

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16:35 Cartoons and children programmes

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19:40 ... Programme on Iraq

19:45 ... Local programme

20:40 ... Programme review

20:40 ... News in Arabic

21:40 ... Arabic series

22:40 ... News summary in Arabic

23:10 ... Varieties programme (Contd.)

PROGRAMME TWO

18:00 ... La Chance aux Chansons

18:30 ... Rue Carnot

19:15 ... News in French

20:40 ... News in Hebrew

20:40 ... News in Arabic

20:55 ... Documentary about sports

21:10 ... Lost Hope

22:40 ... News in English

22:40 ... The Equalizer: "Video Games"

23:10 ... Family Tutors

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King Hussein congratulates Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday sent a cable to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein congratulating him on his country's National Day and wishing him continued good health and happiness and the Iraqi people every success and happiness. In his cable the King voiced pride in Iraq's pan-Arab stand and lauded Iraq's courage and sacrifices in defense of the Arab cause. The King said: "The great successive victories of the Iraqi army prove your heroic stand for establishing peace."

Queen Noor opens gathering of women

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Saturday opened the first gathering of the Jordanian young women, who pursue studies abroad.

This gathering is sponsored by the Ministry of Youth and held at the permanent youth camp in Ajloun.

Forty-seven young girls from various Arab and foreign universities are participating in the gathering.

Young Minister Awad Khleifat delivered a speech in which he stressed that the gathering provides an opportunity to exchange views and hold dialogue about issues of interest.

He added that the gathering serves as a bridge linking Jordanian students in Jordan and abroad.

Later Queen Noor toured the camp and met with the youths participating in the gathering.

The six-day gathering includes visits to the Mu'ta University, Yarmouk University, Jordan University of Science and Technology, in addition to other historical and touristic sites in Jordan.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NEW CPF CENTRE: The Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF) Saturday opened its branch in Salt which will serve some 160 families in the city. CPF President Fakhri Bilebi said that the centre provides technical advice and medical and rehabilitation services, in cooperation with the Health Ministry and the Royal Medical Services.

DAJANI MEETS QATARI ENVOY: Interior Minister Rajai Dajani has received Qatari Ambassador to Jordan Sheikh Hamad bin Jaber Al Thani, dean of the Arab diplomatic corps in Jordan, who called to bid farewell at the end of his tour of duty in Jordan.

SAFETY OF PILGRIMS: Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry secretary general and head of the Jordanian pilgrimage mission Dr. Abdul Salam Al Abbadi Thursday said that the ministry is exerting great efforts to facilitate the safety of the pilgrims. He toured the pilgrims' residences in Mecca and listened to their enquiries.

PETRA THANKED: Yarmouk University President Dr. Mohammad Hamdan Thursday sent a message to Jordan News Agency Director General Ali Safadi expressing appreciation for the distinguished role the agency played in covering this year's graduation ceremony at the university.

PEOPLE'S ARMY COURSES: Six courses for the People's Army recruits Saturday began in Ajloun and Jerash. Employees, teachers, and retired officers are enrolled in these courses, each of which lasts six months.

JORDANIAN STUDENTS IN U.K.: A student delegation headed by University of Jordan Student Affairs Dean Hani Abdil Rahman Saturday returned home after a ten-day visit to Britain during which they met with the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, and a number of senior British officials. They also visited the London-based Islamic Cultural Centre and a number of historical and cultural sites in Britain.

CIVIL DEFENCE COURSE: Thirty-two Zarqa Municipality employees have enrolled in the seven-day civil defence course which was opened Saturday at the Zarqa Chamber of Commerce. They will attend lectures on first aid, fire fighting, and general safety measures. On the other hand, the Zarqa Civil Defence Department director opened a seven-day civil defence course at the Vocational Training Corporation in Al Hashmiyah. Twenty people are enrolled in this course.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION: A week-long training course on administrative supervision skills, organised by the Jordan Institute of Management in cooperation with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), started at the institute Saturday. Taking part in the training course are 20 supervisors from the CAA.

MECHANICAL WORK: The Department of Education in the Ma'an Governorate has organised a programme to train 156 students of the second and third preparatory classes in mechanical work including car mechanics, air-conditioning and central heating and blacksmithing. The training was organised through vocational schools, the Aqaba Railway Corporation, and the glass and cement manufacturing in the south. The six-week long programme is also designed to train 36 students in nursing at the Ma'an Hospital and the Wadi Musa Health Centre.

AMAIREEH IN LONDON: The Jordanian Traveller Walid Amaireh arrived in London Friday after covering 13,000 kilometres of his around the world trip. Amaireh was received by Jordan's Ambassador to London Albert Butros and embassy members. His next destination is the Scandinavian countries.

U.S. ENVOY IN IRBID: American Ambassador to Jordan Rossco-Suddarth Saturday called on Irbid Governor Akram Al Nasser who briefed him on the social, economic, agricultural and archaeological features of the governorate. Nasser also reviewed with Suddarth the governorate's development plan and its effects on developing various aspects of life in the governorate.

HEALTH HAZARD: Ma'an Governor Eid Qatarneh Saturday stressed the need to find proper solutions to health hazard caused by the Pepsi Cola pond, and for planting trees in the pond's location after pumping all water and fencing it.

WHAT'S GOING ON

JERASH FESTIVAL

- Arab and Arabic music by Jordan Armed Forces Band at the Forum at 6:30 p.m.
- Poets and poetry at the Artemis at 7:00 p.m.
- Concert music by Oakland Youth Orchestra at the South Theatre at 7:30 p.m.
- Children's play by Haya Arts Centre at the Sound and Light at 8:00 p.m.
- National folk dance and music by El Ballet Krzmanovic De Yugoslavia at the Forum at 8:00 p.m.
- "Karmen" Ballet and Fire Dance by the Bulgarian Dance Group at the South Theatre at 9:30 p.m.
- Modern Filipino dance and music by U.P. Filipinas Troupe at the Sound and Light at 9:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- Housing exhibition at the Plaza Hotel.
- Jordanian-Palestinian heritage week at the University of Jordan. It includes handicrafts, costumes, and embroidery.

FILMS

- Feature Film: "Legal Eagles." The American Centre at 7:00 p.m.

POETRY RECITATION

- Poetry recitation at Abd Al Hamid Shoman Foundation at 6:00 p.m.



EXCHANGE OF SHIELDS: Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh Saturday presented Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad, the president of the Asian Olympic Council and Chairman of the Kuwaiti Football Federation, with the Amman shield and flag, and received from him the Kuwaiti Football Federation's shield. Sheikh

Ahmad was the guest of honour at the celebration held under the patronage of Rawabdeh to lay the foundation stone for the JD 327,000 municipality staff club in the Arjan area. The new building includes sport halls, a multi-purpose room which can be used as a closed court, a library, a nursery, a tennis court, volleyball and basketball grounds

Haj Hassan receives Egyptian envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan, who is also acting Labour and Social Development Minister, received the Egyptian ambassador to Jordan Ihab Wahbe and the Egyptian delegation representing the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

Haj Hassan voiced his appreciation for the Egyptian workforce and its contribution to the various productive projects, particularly the agricultural sector, and stressed that the Egyptian

workers receive every appreciation and care in Jordan.

The minister called on the Egyptians who work in the country without work permits to correct their situations by obtaining work permits to avoid legal proceedings. Haj Hassan noted that the Egyptians in Jordan represent 80 per cent of the non-Jordanian labour force.

Wahbe and the delegation members thanked Jordan for the care it directs to Egyptian workers and stressed the unique relations between the two countries.

The meeting was attended by Labour Ministry Secretary General Saleh Khasawneh and senior ministry officials.

Also Saturday, Haj Hassan chaired a meeting of the Ports Corporation Board of Directors, during which he endorsed the budget and the final accounts of the corporation, which has achieved net revenues of JD 14 million in 1987.

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3-week summer camp for 280 Palestinian orphans concludes

By Jalal Al Azzeb

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A total of 280 orphan Palestinian refugee children and junior counsellors, including 82 girls, and 15 children from the Jordan SOS village Sunday conclude their three week summer camp, which was held at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) Amman Training College during the period from June 25 to July 17.

A graduation ceremony was held Friday under the patronage of Acting director of UNRWA in Jordan Dennis Brown, who thanked contributors to the year-long event.

Brown gave special thanks to the JD 1,500 contribution of the Kuwaiti Princess Suad Al Sabah, without whose contribution the summer camp for girls could not have been held this year," according to a representative of the World Alliance of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Alexander Ghannam.

mashkeh, who is the person behind this yearly event.

Brown also called for further contributions to the camp in order to enable it to carry a wider range of activities.

The summer camp's origin dated back to 1973, when the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) and UNRWA resolved to hold the summer camp for the orphan refugee children on the grounds of the Amman Training College.

This year's summer camp was overseen by a general supervisor and assisted by 74 leaders, the majority of whom are UNRWA teachers who volunteered to work as counsellors and programme specialists.

The summer camp is held every year for Palestinian refugee children between the ages of 7 and 13, selected according to specific criteria from all refugee camps in Jordan.

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Khasawneh: Defence of Palestine is our duty

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Hani Khasawneh Saturday lauded the Jordan News Agency, Petra, saying that it plays a leading role in the field of information in Jordan through the serious and responsible manner in which it tackles the various national and pan-Arab issues.

leadership saying that it always seek to support the Arab brethren and to defend Arab causes.

Khasawneh pointed out that it is the duty of every loyal and sincere Jordanian to defend his nation's just causes, at the head of which comes the Palestine question.

"Building the contemporary Jordanian state, which can be considered an oasis for security and stability for all its citizens, requires the effort of everybody to maintain this state and its institutions," Khasawneh noted.

Khasawneh said that the major challenges facing Jordan are the continuous process of building the country on contemporary

bases and the joint work to find solutions to the problems facing the Jordanian society, particularly in economy-related issues, providing job opportunities, increasing production and defending human rights.

Concluding his speech, Khasawneh congratulated Petra on its 19th year of continuous and dedicated work and voiced hope that Petra's role be further enhanced in the interest of the national and pan-Arab work.

Petra Director Ali Safadi pledged continued and dedicated work and said the agency will double its efforts to live up to the level of the profession and to implement the goals and objectives for which it has been established.

Jordan News Agency enters 20th year

By Rania Atalla
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The official Jordan News Agency, Petra, Saturday entered its 20th year with future plans to expand further by improving the quality of news, increasing its transmission equipment and expanding its coverage outside the Kingdom.

"Petra is a mirror that reflects Jordan's achievements in all fields," Petra's Director General Ali Safadi told the Jordan Times. "It is an official portrait that connects the country to the outside world, highlighting the political lines set by His Majesty King Hussein," he said.

Petra was established on July 16, 1969, as an official source for Jordanian news, "to record Jordan's achievements and cover its social, political and economic developments, based on honest information," Safadi said.

Before that, in 1965, the nucleus of the agency was a section in the Press and Publications Department, producing no more than three items daily which were distributed to newspapers by car, according to Safadi.

"The need arose to have a news agency, an official source of Jordanian news, independent of the Ministry of Information," Safadi said. In effect, a transmission station was built near Amman with equipment, including teleprinters, that sent news abroad in both English and Arabic for eight hours daily, he added.

At present, Petra news items are transmitted to the Arab countries through "duplex lines" which provide a two-way connection to the official news agencies in Syria, Qatar, Iraq, Morocco and the Soviet Union, according to Safadi.

Petra's membership in the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA), allows for the daily transmission of an average of five major news items about Jordan to South East Asia, South America and Europe through other international agencies.

Thirty-four Petra reporters work in the Kingdom, 15 of whom are stationed in the governorates, while 11 correspondents file news from Arab and foreign capitals around the world.

Future plans

Safadi said Petra's plans for the future include improving the quality of news; increasing the number of offices abroad; and keeping up with developments in transmission and reception equipment.

At present, Petra has eight offices abroad, including Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Tunis, Baghdad, Muscat, London and Madrid.

The agency is looking to increase those to 10, with Kuwait as the most probable next location.

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Asked why most of the time Petra reports do not elaborate on specifics of meetings between officials, Safadi said that in cases where the events take place in the evening where time is short, "we follow up and elaborate on issues the following day in order to grasp all aspects of the news items."

Reporters are present at the agency from 8:00 a.m. until midnight, he said.

to know more you would have to attend the play, and the actors promise that it will be "terribly funny and wonderful."

The actors maintain the taming of the shrew. The story goes on, if you want

BAT to stage the Taming of the Shrew in Jerash on July 19, 20

By Nermene Murad
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Taming of the Shrew a play staged, produced and directed by actors of the British Actors Theatre (BAT), will be performed in Jerash Tuesday and Wednesday July 19 and 20. The classical comedy is expected to draw a large audience.

In an informal press meeting, Kate O'Mara, who plays the role of Katherine (the shrew), said that what is unique about the group is they direct themselves according to "their own interpretation of the Shakespeare play."

O'Mara, who founded BAT with Peter Woodward, said that the idea behind the founding of the theatre was "to get British theatre in control," and avoid

the complex play, is in fact an intricately humorous story of games

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Blackmailing the world body

IT IS ridiculous that the United Nations is being forced to seek international loans to keep itself afloat after running into financial straits brought about by America's withholding contributions to the world body. For all technical purposes, the U.S. stand is linked to reforms in the U.N. budget process. Smooth-talking Washington officials make it appear as if the frozen funds will be released the moment the U.N. general secretariat introduces changes in its spending pattern. But everybody knows better. The U.S. insistence on budgetary reforms is only a smoke-screen for the political clout that the shills in Washington are seeking as a tool to freely pursue American policies on the international scene. What they are aiming for is a situation where Washington does not have to anticipate and prepare to defend itself in any debate either in the General Assembly or at the Security Council of American actions in defiance of international norms and conduct, which the U.N. was created to protect.

It is typical of Washington's policy of twisting arms to hold the U.N. to ransom. We wonder whether the decision-makers and policy geniuses in Washington ever thought of reforming American actions in various parts of the world, thus preempting United Nations criticism instead of having to blackmail the world body?

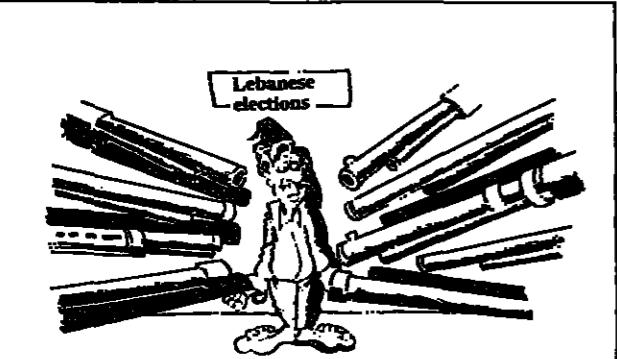
ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Unanimous position — minus U.S., Israel

IF the reports on a joint Soviet-French move to reactivate efforts in search of a Middle Eastern settlement prove to be correct, then the implication is an endeavour to free these efforts from a political "coma." This move is scheduled to begin a few weeks before the U.S. presidential election. The timing of the move will prevent progress because the new U.S. administration will be preoccupied with studying the hot issues in the world. The upcoming Israeli election will also determine means to deal with peace efforts. As for the Arab arena, the development of the Iran-Iraq war and the escalation of the Palestinian uprising will be important factors in determining the course of any political move. The world's unanimous position, excluding the United States and Israel, to settle the Middle East crisis fell short of convening the international conference. Israel's position — which rejects peace, justice and stability in the region — will continue unless Washington expresses readiness to accept the international legitimacy and respect U.N. resolutions. This situation makes us concentrate on other means that ensure restoration of usurped lands and rights.

Al Dustour: Stone revolt grew

THE views of a number of Israeli military officials have been expressing on the uprising demonstrate a deep-rooted difference with Israeli government's views in this regard. While Israeli Prime Minister Shamir and other senior political officials claim that the uprising is about to fizzle, Israeli army and security department officials openly state that it is impossible to control the Palestinian people's will through the use of force, so the uprising will continue for several years. The Israeli generals, entrusted with suppressing the uprising, have repeatedly called for reaching a political solution to this crisis, which attempts to control the Palestinian people's political will. The statement of Chief of Staff Dan Shomron that the army cannot control the will of the Palestinian people and Rabin's statement that Israel cannot tolerate the cost of controlling the uprising imply that the seed of the stone revolt grew and bore fruits.



Sawt Al Shaab: Confront aggressive policy

LARGE sectors of the Israeli public began to realise that the Palestinian people's daring revolt will not cease. While the Israeli military authorities continue their severe repressive practices, the Israeli occupation leaders began to admit that the uprising has the potential to continue. Israeli Prime Minister Shamir admitted that the uprising will continue, while Israeli Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said it is not possible to control the Palestinians. The occupation leaders, led by Shamir, are continuously aggravating the wave of Israeli terrorist extremism to convince the Israeli public about their ability to liquidate the uprising and perpetuate occupation. Several Israelis will sooner or later realise that the occupation's terrorist and suppressive policies are not the solution and that the Israeli aggressive policy must be confronted.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Industrial protection: How much is too much?

TO PREVENT the importation of certain commodities as a way of protecting domestic industry, a policy adopted in Jordan three years ago and described as "quantitative restriction," is in my opinion a complete blackout.

This kind of protection has always been heavy on the economy in general and on consumers in particular. Under such a protection, foreign-made products become unavailable in the market at any price, and local manufacturers become free to lower the quality of their produce or raise its price or both, without having to worry about a possible loss in their share in the market.

Such kind of a situation normally causes an outcry. However, in our case industry got away with it, simply because the value of goods subjected to importation embargo does not make more than four per cent of total imports. Consumers found that life was possible under the circumstances and that foreign trade remained relatively and reasonably free by any standard.

One should note, however, that the sacrifice borne by the public made quite profitable for a wide range of domestic industries. A World Bank expert found that such industries which benefit from full-scale protection contributed around 40 per cent of the value added in the small and medium industrial enterprises sector.

The protection allowed industries to raise their prices by some 25 per cent in comparison to the price of imports. This in effect is a heavy tax paid by the consumers in favour of industrialists. It is estimated that consumers pay JD 125 million extra every year in such implicit tax.

There is no doubt that Jordanian industry needs protection, but not a full blackout though. Without a measure of protection, very few industries could survive foreign competition. But protection should only be used as a transitional policy. Industry has to grow out of its infancy, build up its own muscles and become competitive. However, what we observe in reality is an ever increasing protection at the expense of the public, and a continuously deteriorating quality of industry.

In order to start a given industry we must first make sure that such an industry has a future and that Jordan does have a comparative advantage in that particular industry. So far it has been established that Jordan enjoys a comparative advantage in exploiting natural resources such as phosphate and potash. Jordan also shows a comparative advantage in the processing and manufacturing of local raw materials such as fertilizers, or when the foreign raw material content is not substantial relative to the value of the finished product

such as in medical products.

Once a certain industry is judged to be incompetent in the export market, no measure of protection will be sufficient to make it viable.

Whether such an industry deserves to be protected as an import substitution depends on how much protection it generates to survive, and how much jobs it generates to justify the price.

Some analysts may make an effort to find out what extra measures should the government take in order to enhance the industrialisation of the country. They think that industrialisation may come about simply through the extensive planning, close guidance and the process of decision-making in the ministries and official committees.

In my view the government can serve the industry more by doing less. Uncalled for restrictions, meaningless regulations, and endless planning all look great on paper. But once implemented by the all-powerful bureaucracy, they become more harmful than useful. It is no surprise that the most centrally planned economies in the Arab World and the Third World in general are the worst performers, while Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand succeeded in industrialisation with minimum central planning and government intervention.

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Israeli occupation authorities close In'ash El Usra for two years

Editor's note: The Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre (PHRIC) in Jerusalem has been publishing an "uprising update," which aims to clarify the existing human rights situation as it develops in the occupied territories, as the uprising enters its sixth month. The information bulletin is distributed in cooperation with the Database Project on Palestinian Human Rights, whose international office is in Chicago. These updates will be published in the Jordan Times as they are received. Included in these information bulletins are lists of those killed during the uprising, as confirmed by

The Closure

AT 1:00 a.m. June 20 Israeli soldiers went to the home of Samiha Khalil, founder and head of In'ash el-Usra Society in al-Bireh. They forced her to accompany them (in a separate car) to the society's offices. When she arrived she found more than 17 military vehicles with over 100 soldiers. The IDF officer demanded that they be permitted to enter the premises.

Um Khalil went to her office, where the commanding officer read her an order signed by Amram Mitzna, the military commander of the West Bank, closing the society for two years. Only the preschool and orphanage were permitted to remain open. The reason given in the order was "possession of illegal materials."

Um Khalil refused to sign the order. The soldiers then proceeded to search the buildings for three hours, confiscating cultural and folklore cassette videotapes and files, as well as registers regarding the girls in the orphanage and the people the society helps in financial and other ways. They then sealed the building shut, returning later in the day to seal the windows.

Um Khalil was ordered to report to the police at 8:30 a.m. the following day. When she arrived they knew nothing of what had happened and released her immediately.

There is no legal recourse with regard to a closure. Um Khalil immediately called a press conference to be held at 1:00 p.m. June 20. The army held one immediately proceeding it, at which they accused In'ash el-Usra of indoctrinating and "brainwashing" children with anti-Semitic propaganda and with being "a major centre for teaching the slogans and goals of the intifada." They then exhibited materials they claimed came from the society's offices, which they called examples of "classic anti-Semitic indoctrination." The materials included still photographs, one series of which showed a "Jewish teacher assaulting a young Palestinian girl because she insists that Palestine is Arab," and what appear to have been scrapbook photos and other materials confiscated from the society. At the end of

the International Committee of the Red Cross, lists of detainees, and updated human rights reports as they develop. While some sources and background material is publicly available, most of the information comes from first hand reports, fieldworker visits to hospitals, refugee camps, towns and villages, and from working relationships between the PHRIC and other institutions in the occupied territories. The material is collected and verified in Jerusalem and sent to Chicago, where the updates are produced and distributed internationally.

form pointing a gun at an Israeli.

Journalists going from one press conference to the other provided Um Khalil with the opportunity to address these accusations. Um Khalil emphatically denied that the society teaches children to hate Jews, stating, "we refuse to teach our children any kind of hatred ... on the contrary we extend a hand of friendship to Jews."

Um Khalil denied that the society's material "incited to violence in support of the intifada." She, and her attorney Mona Rishmawi, argued that with regard to that material it was impossible to ascertain whether it had come from the society. The society had been searched without a responsible representative overseeing the search and no list had been presented or signed itemizing what the army had taken.

In'ash el-Usra is the first charitable society to be closed by the military; its closure, Um Khalil argued, sets a dangerous precedent.

Background to the closure

Harassment of In'ash el-Usra began June 8, when Israeli occupation forces broke into and raided the society during a curfew in al-Bireh. They seized files, registers of addresses, manuscripts, cultural documents and videotapes. Neither Um Khalil nor any other society officers were present during the raid. It is therefore impossible to verify what was seized or that materials claimed to belong to the society were in fact taken from its premises. The guard, the supervisor of the girl's hostel and a member of the society were prevented from accompanying the army when they offered to do so.

The chief of police in Ramallah, Cob, summoned Um Khalil to his office at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 13 to appear at noon. He refused to postpone the interrogation although Um Khalil was ill. Accompanied by a staff member, Um Khalil went to the police station, where she was interrogated for five hours. She was interrogated again June 14 for five hours and then released on JD 60 (US\$180) bail. The interrogation concerned documents and other materials confiscated from the society. At the end of

interrogation Um Khalil was told that she would be charged within a few days, in connection with the "illegal" activities of her organisation.

She was summoned again and interrogated for an hour June 19, this time concerning videos taken by the society. This interrogation appears to have been in preparation for the night raid and closure.

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In'ash el-Usra

In'ash el-Usra was founded in 1965. Its goals were laid out in its constitution, approved first by the Jordanian government and then, after 1967, by the Israeli occupying authorities. All of the society's activities are open to public scrutiny.

The society contains an orphanage, a day school, two small factories producing biscuits and lingerie, a catering service, five vocational educational sections and community development and charitable sections.

Over 15,000 people will be affected by the closure, which leaves only the orphanage and day school open. These include 4800 women working on

The following is an update of the list of Palestinians killed by Israeli occupation troops and Israeli settlers in the occupied Arab territories. A complete list appeared in the Jordan Times on May 23.

Date Name, age

Residence

By Context

M Shot in head

M Shot in neck

M Shot in heart

M Shot in chest

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Indian finance minister hints at slowdown of liberalisation

NEW DELHI (R) — India's new finance minister indicated Friday he wanted to slow down the government's policy of economic liberalisation.

"Businessmen are expecting far too much from me. I must balance their aspirations with the developmental needs of the people," Shankarrao Bhauroo Chavan said in his first detailed comments on the Indian economy since his June appointment.

Chavan, who came to the finance ministry from West India's Maharashtra state where he was chief minister, told Reuters he was against relaxation of controls in consumer sectors begun by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi when he took office in 1984.

Chavan, apparently referring to the lifting of import restrictions on consumer items such as television sets, said he was particularly against concessions on luxury goods.

"The import of luxury goods is not warranted," said Chavan, whose appointment caused anxiety in Bombay, India's financial capital, because of his reputation as a conservative socialist.

"Mine is a balancing act between businessmen and the needs of the poorer sections of society," he said.

Politicians said Gandhi shifted

him from Maharashtra to Delhi to give his economic policies a populist image before general elections, due by the end of 1989.

Chavan admitted that general elections and last year's drought were factors in the government's review of its policy of gradually removing economic controls.

Economists have blamed these restrictions for discouraging the growth of exports and foreign investment in India.

He said another factor was a crisis in foreign exchange reserves which by June 17 had fallen to 61.7 billion rupees (\$4.4 billion), the lowest in more than two years.

"But good monsoon rains this year have given us high expectations of a favourable kharif (winter) crop. With this we can recoup our losses of last year," Chavan said.

Chavan said exports, which grew to 157.2 billion rupees (\$11.21 billion) in 1987-88 from 125.5 billion rupees (\$8.96 billion) the year before, would continue to be a government priority.

Imports, which grew to 223.4 billion rupees (\$15.95 billion) in

1987-88 from 200.6 billion rupees (\$14.33 billion) the previous year, would come under greater scrutiny, he said.

"We have to be selective in imports and sanction only those which are necessary to help the growth of exports," he added.

But Chavan refused to comment on reports the government was considering tax concessions to industry to boost growth. He said he would review all options, including ways to raise the rate of savings.

Commenting on a World Bank suggestion that India should boost exports by devaluing the rupee, Chavan said his country was against being told what to do by a foreign agency.

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Revenues from real estate deals increase

AMMAN (J.T.) — Land and Survey Department Director-General Badri Al Molqi Saturday said that the department collected JD 7,065,302 in revenues during the first six months of this year.

In an interview with the Arabic newspaper Al Ra'i, Molqi said that the department's revenues during May amounted to approximately JD 1,012,249 compared with JD 952,249 during the same month in 1987.

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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for July 16, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	101597	JD 114645	190
Top three companies:			
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	21650	JD 25580	40
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	7450	JD 13268	6
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	6900	JD 11179	19
Parallel market:	10510	JD 5074	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

Transport firm pays government JD 1 million

AMMAN (Petra) — Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan Saturday received a cheque in the amount of JD 1 million, which represents Jordan's share of the company's profits for the year 1987.

Haj Hassan paid tribute to the company's personnel saying that the profits could not have been achieved had it not been for the active operations.

The company's Director-General Jamil Ibrahim praised the Jordanian government for its continued support for the company and said that the company's profits, which have been shared equally with Iraq, represent a humble gift to His Majesty King Hussein and the Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Talhouni noted that the establishment of this pan-Arab company in 1980 with a capital of JD 15 million translates the wishes of the two political leaderships in Jordan and Iraq.

Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, July 9, '88 and ending Wednesday July 13, '88. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Per value
Banking and financial institutions					
Industrial Development Bank	1000	1575	1,580	1,590	1,000
Petra Bank	3146	6030	1,940	1,920	1,000
Jordan Islamic Bank	4799	8532	1,790	1,770	1,000
Jordan Kuwait Bank	6332	8937	1,410	1,450	1,000
Jordan Gulf Bank	13805	17174	1,250	1,250	1,000
Housing Bank	1640	2989	1,810	1,830	1,000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	—	—	—	—	5,000
Cairo Amman Bank	1145	17404	15,200	15,200	5,000
Bank of Jordan	51760	113,000	111,000	10,000	10,000
Arab Bank	460	24393	2,530	2,530	1,000
Jordan National Bank	9650	24440	0,900	0,930	1,000
Jordan Finance House for Development	26414	2,050	2,000	1,000	
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	2576	4531	0,600	0,600	1,000
National Financial Investments	850	1530	1,800	1,800	1,000
National Portfolio Securities	5658	4035	0,730	0,710	1,000
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jordan Securities Corporation	1451	1121	0,780	0,770	2,000
Real Estate Financing Corporation	360	5040	14,500	14,000	10,000
AI Mashreq Exchange	—	—	—	—	—
Insurance and reinsurance					
Jordan French Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
REFOC Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jordan Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance	1400	1356	0,980	0,960	1,000
Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	2350	2585	1,100	1,100	1,000
Holy Land Insurance	9950	12537	1,270	1,260	1,000
Philadelphia Insurance	1800	1476	0,840	0,820	1,000
Arab Union International Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jerusalem Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
General Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jordan Eagle Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
Middle East Insurance	—	—	—	—	10,000
National Ahliya Insurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	—	—	—	—	1,000
United Insurance	5000	4798	0,950	0,960	1,000
Services and industries					
General Investments	27087	17504	0,630	0,670	1,000
Darco for Housing and Investment	285251	152669	0,520	0,520	1,000
Real Estate Investment (Aqaro)	15807	7460	0,470	0,490	1,000
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	8924	2918	0,340	0,320	1,000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	81	49	0,610	0,600	1,000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipment	282270	64399	0,720	0,720	1,000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance	2550	737	0,790	0,780	1,000
International Contracting & Investment	27900	5977	0,220	0,210	1,000
Jordanian Electric Power	11032	16778	1,510	1,530	1,000
Irbid District Electricity	130	111	0,850	0,850	1,000
Arab International Hotels	—	—	—	—	1,000
Hotels and Tourism	—	—	—	—	1,000
Garage Owners Federation Office	800	2920	3,650	3,650	1,000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	3000	2610	0,870	0,870	1,000
Jordan Press Foundation	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jordan Press and Publishing	8850	4081	0,470	0,460	1,000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	6578	6512	0,990	0,990	1,000
Jordan Dairy	8964	17478	1,980	1,940	1,000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	7418	89330	1,240	1,190	1,000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	6357	15895	2,490	2,520	1,000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	6786	8361	1,250	1,210	1,000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj)	—	—	—	—	1,000
Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products	1100	1322	1,210	1,200	1,000
Aladdin Industries	17450	28470	1,640	1,630	1,000
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	6248	28391	4,510	4,550	1,000
Jordan Worsted Mills	5650	6762	1,160	1,200	1,000
Jordan Ceramics	300	465	1,590	1,550	1,000
Chemical Industries	19900	12600	0,640	0,630	1,000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	739	1137	1,550	1,540	1,000
National Steel Industries	2450	6483	2,630	2,630	1,000
Universal Chemical Industries	32323	48483	1,51		

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Dundee United manager decides not to quit

DUNDEE, Scotland (R) — Jim McLean Friday decided to stay as manager of Dundee United — a week after resigning in protest at being fined £4,000 (\$6,800) and banned from the touchline dug-out for three years. The punishment handed out by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) followed a touchline dispute by McLean, United's manager for 17 years, and Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller in April. McLean said he had been told by his lawyer that he could fight the sentence from his manager's seat and that there was no need to quit. The United boss said the fine would not be paid — a stance which is likely to bring him into further conflict with the SFA.

World champion takes 3rd place

CANBERRA (R) — World champion Argentina beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 in the Bicentennial Soccer Gold Cup playoff for third place. In a match marred by eight yellow cards and the dismissal of the Saudi goalkeeper, Diego Simeone scored the opening goal just four minutes from the starting whistle. Oscar Derycia added the second 15 minutes before half time. Saudi goalkeeper Salem Marwan got his marching orders for his involvement in a punching incident with Argentine sweeper Mario Lucca. Lucca required first aid before he could resume play. The series will end in Sydney Sunday with the final between Australia and Brazil.

Mezey returns again as manager of Hungary

BUDAPEST (R) — Gyorgy Mezey, who resigned in disgrace after Hungary's 1986 World Cup failure, was appointed national soccer manager again Friday. Mezey, who succeeds Laszlo Balint, who resigned on July 4, signed a six-year contract which will run until the end of the 1994 World Cup finals, the MTI news agency reported. Mezey is the fifth man to be appointed to the post since the Mexico World Cup finals when Hungary suffered a string of bad results, the worst of which was a 6-0 whipping by the Soviet Union. Mezey has been coaching Kuwait's national team since the Mexico World Cup.

East Germans to boycott W. German meets

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany will boycott the Mobil Grand Prix track and field meets in West Berlin next month because of a major dispute over a former East German athlete, sources said Friday. The dispute focusses on Wolfgang Schmidt, a former discus world record holder who was allowed to leave East Germany in Nov. 1987. The East Germans will also oppose any West German moves to have Schmidt compete for West Germany at the Olympics or any other international competitions, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. According to international regulations, East Germany can veto Schmidt's participation in the Olympics for three years after his departure. East Germany will also object to any West German plans to include swimmer Jens-Peter Berndt in its Olympic team. Berndt defected from East Germany three and a half years ago, but spent some time in the United States before coming to West Germany. West Germany included Schmidt on its squad at an important track meet last month in Duesseldorf, despite strong criticism from East Germany.

Newcomer from Uruguay upsets Nystrom

BASTAD, Sweden (AP) — Marcelo Filippi of Uruguay upset top-seeded defending champion Joakim Nystrom of Sweden 6-2, 6-3 Friday to reach the semifinals of the \$245,000 Swedish Open Tennis Championships. Also advancing were Italians Paolo Cane and Francesco Cancellotti and Christian Bergstrom of Sweden. Nystrom, who defeated Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg in last year's final, was outclassed by Filippi on the slow clay at Bastad tennis stadium's centrecourt.

THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



"I'm not ready for walking or running shoes. They got any napping shoes?"



Jordanian midfielder Tawfiq Al Saheb (extreme left) lifts his hand after scoring the second goal in the 35th minute as the Syrian goalkeeper scuffles with the defenders and Jordanian players in front of the goal mouth (Photo by Youssef Al 'Allan)

Delgado extends lead in Tour de France

VILLARD-DE-LANS, France (AP) — Spain's Pedro Delgado solidified his lead Friday in the Tour de France by taking an individual time trial that increased his overall advantage to almost three minutes.

Delgado, who finished a close second to Ireland's Stephen Roche in last year's Tour de France, took the 13th stage from Grenoble to Villard-de-Lans, a 38-kilometre (24-mile) leg, in 1 hour, 2 minutes, 24.82 seconds.

The strong performance made Delgado the favourite to win this year's tour, with just one week left to go. But the Spaniard had such strong climbers as Colombians Luis Herrera and Fabio Parra could still pose a threat in the mountain stages in the Pyrenees.

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Leonard severs ties with U.S. Olympic boxing team

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) — Sugar Ray Leonard, one of the golden boys of the 1976 games in Montreal, severed his connection with the 1988 U.S. Olympic boxing team Friday as the discord surrounding the team continued.

Leonard, who won three gold medals, is known to be pondering another comeback, but his resignation as a special advisor was not tied to that.

His action came on the eve of the box-offs to select the 12 Olympic team members.

It also followed by a day after the suspension of coach Ken Adams was upheld; he was replaced as head coach by Tom Coulter, and three boxers who tested positive for drugs were disqualified.

Leonard said he felt army coach Hank Johnson should have replaced Adams, also of the

army, who was accused of assaulting a USA-Amateur Boxing Federation staffer May 12. Johnson coaches five of the Olympic trials champions.

"It is a very sad situation when you have a coach, who allegedly urinated in public as the no. 1 man," Leonard said. "That was the straw that broke the camel's back."

Coulter, 57, was accused of urinating in public during a two-week trip with a boxing team to the Soviet Union in March. He denied the charge and expressed surprise at Leonard's comments.

Commenting on the bickering, Coulter said, "I'm really glad it's happening now prior to the team being selected."

"This is something I have pondered for a while now," a mystified Leonard said of his resignation at a news conference at which he accepted no questions.

League chairmen recommend non-rebel TV deal

LONDON (R) — A meeting of the chairmen of the English Soccer League's first and second division clubs Friday agreed to ignore the threat of a breakaway "super league" and accept a £47 million (\$78 million) television deal.

The chairmen, meeting in London to discuss the dispute over television and its income which threatens to split the league in its centenary year, decided to recommend the acceptance of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) offer to an extraordinary general meeting of the league on Aug. 8.

Ten rebel major first division clubs were prevented from signing an exclusive £52 million (\$86.3 million) Wednesday with the Independent Television Network (ITV) when the league obtained a high court injunction.

If the 10 rebel clubs — Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Tottenham, Arsenal, West Ham, Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle — had signed the deal, it would have led almost certainly to the creation of a breakaway "super league."

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Shortages, diseases plague Karabakh

MOSCOW (AP) — Food shortages and illnesses caused by stress are plaguing the mostly Armenian population of a region trying to break away from Azerbaijan, residents and the state-run media reported Friday.

"We are under a virtual economic blockade," said a resident, a journalist with the state broadcasting authority. "The Azerbaijanis are trying to morally kill our movement, to strike down our just demands."

However, the official Soviet news agency TASS blamed the supply problems in Nagorno-Karabakh, a region of 160,000 people, on a nearly two-month-old strike. It said more than 130 freight cars and more than 300 containers of food had backed up at the railway station in Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh's

main city.

"There are no more fruits or

vegetables in our shops," said the journalist, who spoke on condition he not be identified by name. "We have almost no economic ties now with Azerbaijan."

Ethnic Armenians, who make up more than three-quarters of Nagorno-Karabakh's population and are mostly Christian, have complained for months of economic, cultural and religious discrimination by the Azerbaijani government. They demand that control of the region, given to Azerbaijan in 1923, be transferred to

The Azerbaijani, the journalist added, have suspended bus service between Stepanakert and the Armenian cities of Kirovakan and Kafan, but buses have been leaving Stepanakert for Yerevan with a police escort.

outcome of the meeting, which was at Reagan's invitation, but they hoped for a change in a new American administration.

They said Vice President George Bush told Perez de Cuellar during his visit here Thursday that he wanted to help. "But he's said that before and there has been no change," a U.N. official said.

The secretary general says the U.N. will be bankrupt by the end of October and therefore unable to continue operations. But officials said this threat would not be

implemented since the General Assembly session would be in progress.

The United Nations costs about \$60 million a month.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Reagan urged to resume visa service

WASHINGTON (R) — Twenty-two senators urged President Reagan Friday to let the U.S. embassy in Moscow begin issuing visas again to Soviet citizens seeking to emigrate to the United States. The State Department recently announced it was suspending issuance of visas in Moscow until October because of a lack of funds for processing, transporting and resettling the unexpectedly large number of Soviet visa applicants. "The State Department's decision leaves thousands of Soviet citizens stranded in Moscow and elsewhere in the Soviet Union," the senators said in a letter written by New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg.

U.S. finds high radon levels at bases

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. air force said Friday that cancer-causing radon gas had been found in buildings at 17 overseas bases, including potentially dangerous levels at bases in Italy and Japan. Radon is an odourless, colourless radioactive gas produced by decaying natural uranium in the soil. Research has shown that it can seep into buildings from the ground and that elevated levels of radon increase the risk of lung cancer. The air force began worldwide testing for radon gas at its bases in 1987 and said Friday high levels had been found at Aviano Air Base in Italy and Kadena Air Base in Japan.

Delvalle appears at news conference

NEW YORK (AP) — Panamanian President Arturo Delvalle, who has been hiding since his ouster in February, appeared at a news conference Friday and said he had talked by telephone earlier with U.S. President Ronald Reagan. Delvalle, who had heart bypass surgery about 10 years ago, said he had flown from Panama to Miami for a checkup Wednesday. "I'm in good health and able to withstand all the fight and all the time that's needed to recover democracy in my country," Delvalle said.

Anglican bishops gather in Canterbury

CANTERBURY, England (AP) — Bishops who lead 70 million Anglicans worldwide prepared Saturday for their once-in-a-decade conference faced with the thorny issue of whether women can be priests. Anglicans, the largest group of Christians after the estimated 700 million Roman Catholics, officially start the three-week lambeth conference Sunday with a service in Canterbury Cathedral. It closes with another there Sunday Aug. 7. The conference will discuss the work of the church, relations with other Christians and social questions.

3 killed in contra attacks

MANAGUA. Nicaragua (AP) — U.S. supported contras mounted three attacks in northern and central Nicaragua in violation of a truce with the Sandinista government, the defence ministry said Friday. Its report said three rebels and one civilian were killed in the fighting and the contras kidnapped 20 people. The ministry's statement said the attacks occurred Thursday and, in one of them, in northern Matagalpa province, three contras died in a shootout with an army patrol. It also said the contras ambushed an army truck in northern Jinotega province, kidnapping 16 people on board, and another four people were abducted by the rebels and a civilian was killed in central Chontales province.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early morning will yield unusual and creative plans if you follow your hunches. Obstacles may get in the way of implementing them if you don't pay attention to details.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Look into new methods of operation concerning your romantic affairs. If someone is looking for a fight, turn the other way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Practical matters challenge your sense of responsibility to something else. Use your insight to realize a loved one's unverbalized need.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An important outside affair needs attention, but first finalize your plans. Avoid a secret partner, but listen closely to a troublemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Settle an old debt, then study a new project that is profitable. Use your ability to see both sides to help a co-worker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Listen to those with practical instincts for new insight. Later, apply careful thought to a creative idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Avoid an argument with a prominent person. Now is a good time to listen to your mate's advice. Advances are made toward fulfilling a wish in the evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your mate's advice is good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make your plans for a special event that you have in mind. Implement a special project with the help of a practical person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You need to learn how to make your home more harmonious and festive. Later, listen to a troubled associate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Support a co-worker's plans to expand, then you can be more efficient at your work. Focus on modernizing methods.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Help your mate to solve his or her meaningful monetary affairs. This may involve adjusting your own accounts. Forget the advice of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Avoid an argument with a prominent person. Now is a good time to listen to your mate's advice. Advances are made toward fulfilling a wish in the evening.

Jackson wants to end rift with Dukakis

ATLANTA (R) — Jesse Jackson rolled his bus caravan towards this convention city Saturday in hopes of working out his differences with Michael Dukakis and helping defeat George Bush in the November election.

The black civil rights leader has been giving signals in the past two days that he is anxious to heal his rift with Dukakis over the prospective Democratic presidential nominee's selection of Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen as vice-presidential running mate.

Meanwhile, thousands of convention delegates swarmed here for a four-day Democratic conclave beginning Monday.

As the democrats prepared to nominate Dukakis Wednesday, Bush took time out for trout fishing and political talk in Cody, Wyoming, with long-time friend and adviser, Treasury Secretary James Baker.

The Jackson "Rainbow Action Express" motorcycle, which pulled out of the black leader's home base of Chicago Thursday was due here Saturday. Massachusetts Governor Dukakis was set to arrive Sunday.

The 46-year-old Baptist preacher told reporters along the way that the two men's aides would meet late Saturday to seek a "partnership."

Instead of fighting, Jackson said the two men should "move from battlefield to common ground and then, in November, onto higher ground."

U.S. judge orders defence records opened

LOS ANGELES (R) — A federal magistrate, citing the public right to know, ordered the U.S. government Friday to unseal records that could shed further light on the defense contract fraud scandal.

But a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney said the government would appeal against the ruling.

A federal judge in New York also ordered documents in the scandal made public Friday but kept others under wraps, then stayed his order until Wednesday to give the Justice Department time to appeal.

And in Alexandria, Virginia, yet another federal judge declined to unseal records for

lawyers representing Melvin Paisley, a key figure in the probe, on grounds it could jeopardize the investigation.

The decision in Los Angeles was a victory for several media organizations which had requested access to search warrants and supporting affidavits served last month on an aerospace consultant and three southern California defence contractors.

U.S. Magistrate Joseph Reichman ruled that the public had a constitutional right to access since the government had not succeeded in demonstrating that its investigation of the scandal would be harmed if the documents were unsealed.

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Jellyfish invade Bahrain plant

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Hordes of jellyfish clogging the intake pipes at this Arid Island's major water distillation plant threaten to completely jam up the system. Two truckloads of the clear little blobs are removed daily from the pipes used to pump water from the sea into the plant. The sea-going creature — described as "white, round and sticky" by Juma — not only threaten to block the filtering nets.

E. German dog emigrates to West

MUNICH (AP) — After weeks of hounding emigration officials, an East German dog was granted official permission to emigrate to the West, a West German magazine said Wednesday.

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The crackdown and Monday's expulsion of U.S. Ambassador Richard Melton and seven other American diplomats revived President Reagan's prospects for renewing U.S. military aid to the contras fighting to overthrow Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista government.

The initial response of the U.S.

Managua hardens anti-U.S. stand

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto lashed out at the Reagan administration Friday, saying U.S. threats to resume military aid to the contra rebels would not make the government reform.

While Dukakis was attending to Massachusetts state business Friday, Jackson downplayed their differences as only "creative tension" that produced healing and growth.

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The process would apply to people detained because of their connection with the former U.S.-backed administration in South Vietnam.

Western diplomats said the agreement appeared part of a new more flexible foreign policy by the impoverished country, which is trying to end its isolation from non-communist states.

Hanoi has also speeded up repatriation of the remains of U.S. servicemen who died in the Vietnam war and shown a new flexibility in talks over the possible repatriation of boat people who have fled its shores since 1975.

In February the authorities released from camp 1,014 former officers, security agents, politicians, priests and others who were involved with the U.S.-backed South Vietnamese authorities before the 1975 communist takeover.

The government said this left 159 still being held until their re-education was considered complete.

Communist Party Leader Nguyen Van Linh said in January anyone who wanted to leave the country would be allowed to go, but diplomats in Hanoi said then they would probably have to wait some time unless a special agreement was reached.

He said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, on a recent visit to Washington, told

government was to expel Nicaraguan ambassador to Washington, Carlos Tunnermann, and seven other Nicaraguan diplomats.

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Meanwhile Nicaragua's ambassador to the United States arrived in Mexico and described his expulsion by the U.S. government as "unjustified and illegal."

Tunnermann said he did not contest his expulsion in reprisal for Melton's, but rejected the sanction against him as ambassador to the Washington-based Organization of American States (OAS).

Shultz assured of safe Olympics

SEOUL (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz expressed confidence Saturday the Seoul Olympics would be safe and successful, saying China and the Soviet Union had given assurances that North Korea would refrain from terrorist acts aimed at the Olympics.

"It was unequivocal, unambiguous," Shultz said of Shevardnadze's statement.

"The Chinese have made similar comments about their point of view," he added.

He also noted that China and the Soviet Union were both sending delegations to the Olympics and said, "I think everybody will be exerting their influence in a positive way."

Washington divided on ABM treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the U.S. Arms Control Agency wants President Ronald Reagan to charge the Soviets with a "material breach" of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, while the Pentagon is urging the Reagan to adhere to the pact, a U.S. official said Friday.

The odd lineup reflects a deep and peculiar division within the administration as Reagan awaits a response from Moscow on when to review the treaty. It is considered a cornerstone of the arms control process.

At issue is the Soviet phased array radar station at Krasnoyarsk

that Reagan has labelled a violation of the 1972 treaty in two reports to Congress. While the Soviets deny any infraction, even many liberal critics of the administration's arm control policy question the legality of the facility.

The Pentagon's joint chiefs recommended that Reagan not charge the Soviets with a "material breach" because that could lead to an unraveling of the treaty, the U.S. official told AP.

"The chiefs are convinced if that happens the Soviets are in a better position to take advantage of a breakout," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

This puts the American military chiefs at odds with Arms Control Director William F. Burns Jr., who takes a harder stance on the treaty than the military.

Stewart's stolen jewels recovered

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jewels and furs worth more than \$400,000 stolen from the home of rocker Rod Stewart's ex-wife were apparently taken by a housekeeper who quit and fled to Portugal, authorities said. The items were later recovered. Alana Stewart told police the furs, rings, necklaces, bracelets and other gems were taken from her west Los Angeles home July 5, the same day housekeeper Anna Martins quit, police detective Mike Pettit said. Officer Kenneth Sheehan of the east Newark Police Department said the suitcase was found in Jose Fernandez home, a friend of the woman but Fernandez was apparently unaware of its contents and he wasn't arrested.

Rattlesnake roundup

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania (AP) — Enthusiasts gathered recently for the 33rd annual reptile roundup in Morris, a sleepy town about 50 kilometers northwest of Williamsport. The area is prime rattlesnake country — lots of sunny, brush-covered clearings filled with large rocks suitable for snake dens. The hunters came from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, North Carolina and Mississippi, according to Amos Osborn, chairman of the hunt.

"The benefit of the local fire company. Most snakes are returned to the wild, generally in the area where they were taken," said Ken Sutton, who came up from North Carolina for the event.

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